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Happy birthday, we're 2 years old

By Pat Christensen

Those of us who write the stories, type the copy, take the photos, paste up the layout sheets, sell the advertising, distribute to stores and racks, and deliver the GRAPEVINE to you, our readers, thank you for your support and encouragement.

August 1986 was a vintage month for newspapers. Beginning as a four-page tabloid, circulation 5,000, the GRAPEVINE grew quickly to its present 12-page, 7,000 circulation format. Many of the original staff are still with us, others come back now and then to help out.

Most of our original advertisers have stuck it out with us for these 2 years too. Valley Super Market, Jack Creighton's Leland Avenue Pharmacy, Evan's House of Music, Henry Schindel Real Estate, Boulevard Cleaners, Mila's Video, Patrick Nolan, DDS. More recently Leland True Value Hardware, Excelsior Century 21, Joe's Cable Car Restaurant, Castle Lanes Bowling. We are grateful to you all, and we want this list to grow in the coming year. We also

appreciate the help of the larger community: The San Francisco Foundation and Schlage Lock who help make possible the GRAPEVINE

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As we begin our third year, the staff is committed to improving and expanding our coverage of the news which affects you and your family. We need to hear from you. You are our primary source of information - just as we are yours. Let us know your concerns. Send us information about coming events in your church, school, club or service organization.

The GRAPEVINE exists for you. Please submit your news, comments, complaints in writing to Editor, Visitacion Valley GRAPEVINE, 50 Raymond Ave., San Francisco, CA 94134.



Photos by Pat Christensen

New life for bungalows

Forty-five happy kids have a new school in Visitacion Valley. The Visitacion Valley Family School opened its doors in July in the freshly renovated bungalows adjacent to the Visitacion Valley Elementary School.

"The Family School is not new," says Laeh Weidenhofer, director. The Community Center opened the school several years ago on Arleta Street, but we lost our building. The Family School was jammed into a room at the center while we looked for new permanent space.

"The bungalows had been vacant for a long time. They had been used and abused by neighborhood kids.

Windows were broken, fires set in the rooms, trash of every description was piled all over."

Now, after months of labor, the bungalows are pristine, freshly painted, light and airy.

"We have 45 kids enrolled from the ages of 5 through 12," continues Weidenhofer, "and we are funded by a special grant designed to keep these kids off the streets. The school is fully booked and we have long waiting lists for all ages - pre-school, full day care and after-school care."

Licensed by the State Department of Social Service, the program has two more phases before

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Neighborhood Notes

by Anne Kaartunen

The "art" of listening is actively being cultivated, through the work of the Community Boards organization, which is dedicated to helping neighbors come to peaceful resolutions regarding their problems and complaints.

Such was the case this past month at a Community Boards hearing involving concerned neighbors, business owners and some of the youngsters who have been identified as "taggers," graffiti-writers.

Property owners expressed their frustration regarding the frequent cost of repainting, and they felt that the graffiti

problem would cause businesses to leave or prevent new businesses from locating in our community.

The youngsters said it was done for "fun" and that "tagging" was a form of a popularity contest; who-ever has the most tags is looked up too by their peers.

Two resolutions emerged from this hearing. First the boys would help to clean up the graffiti, and they would stop tagging, as well as, encourage their friends to do the same. Second, a wall for a graffiti-like mural would be made available, in the near future, through a Teen Mural Club Program, under adult

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Smart voters, know what a supervisor does

By Matthew Brady

"If a scrap of paper blew in front of City Hall steps it could not be immediately swept up because it would depend on the jurisdiction on which it fell. If the paper fell on the sidewalk, it would come under the department for street cleaning; if it fell up on the stairs, it would belong to the building superintendent; if an ambient breeze should blow it farther onto the lawn, it would belong to recreation and park." - James K. Carr, Manager of San Francisco Public Utilities, September 21, 1966.

Would people vote more intelligently for supervisors if they understood the functions of these local legislators in relation to the mayor and the people?

I put this question to former supervisor John Barbagelata, who is hoping to get a measure on the November ballot that would prohibit a supervisor from serving more than two- consecutive, four-year terms, in just the way that the mayor and the president are prohibited.

"The public has little awareness of the

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PHOTO BY MATTHEW BRADY

Former supervisor John Barbagelata says real City Hall reform can come only from a educated electorate

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responsibilities, duties, and obligations of the supervisors," said Barbagelata. "They are simply to sit there, like members of the board of directors of a company, and implement policy. The chief executive officer in this case is the mayor, who is also the administrator of the city, responsible for the operation of the departments, and seeks laws, policies, and the funds to keep those policies going."

The former supervisor describes his previous job occupation as a "penny ante" job, an old American term borrowed from a kind of poker in which the players ante up only a penny to the pot before each hand.

"I'm not like being an administrator say in San Mateo County, where the supervisors are managers," said Barbagelata. "And in Los Angeles County and in most other California counties they govern and are involved in the details of keeping the townships beating along."

"The mayor of San Francisco is supposed to pick commissioners with expertise in certain fields to advise and guide the supervisors. For instance, the police commissioners would have knowledge of a police department. Well fine, if they cooperate with the mayor and give him or her all the tools. But look at the city, it's a mess. And that's the mayor's fault."

Barbagelata thinks that for the last 20 years the commissioners have been going one way and the mayor another, like the donkey who can't make up his mind which stack of hay to eat so he starves.

"In our type of government, a democracy, which we all know we have, the people elect representatives who they hope will implement their ideas. But they continue to elect people in this city who are not in keeping with their thinking."

If you've ever wondered why district elections were never popular with politicians, have a look at Section 66 of the 1853 City Charter. It requires that each district supervisor stand up before the afternoon's business started to make an oral report on his bailiwick's financial condition and to affirm that public officials were not conducting city business over a free lunch at the saloon.

The physical condition of the schools, potholes, health care, the manners of the policemen and the morale of the businessmen all had to be dealt with.

The president of the board had to 'vigilantly observe the official conduct of each supervisor in his district, and of all public officers of the city.' All shenanigans were to be laid before the grand jury posthaste.

But the biggest surprise is what citizens expected of their supervisors back in the 1850's.

He (for it was always a "he" in the olden days) was responsible for the conduct of public officers in his district. In that time of district elections he also had to make sure that honest books were kept on all money appropriated for his pale. All public officials; misconduct was to be reported to the Board of Supervisors.

Among the chores of today's supervisors: to serve as a one-chamber legislative body of the City and County and act by ordinance or resolution. An ordinance is a local law enacted by the board; a resolution is a policy statement adopted by the board. They adopt the budget, appropriate city funds, place charter amendments on the ballot, set the tax rate, and approve contracting out of services.

So step up to the betting booth and place your dough. But first study the ballot form and you will cut down on the odds of a ringer winning.

This is a city in which so much is said and so little done.

Youth Expo

The city of San Francisco is hosting Youth Expo 88 in Civic Center Plaza on Labor Day Weekend - Sept. 3, 4, and 5. The event will celebrate the end of summer vacation with a three day festival featuring a carnival, major skateboarding competitions, contests and live entertainment.

Youth Expo is now accepting applications for its entertainment program. The three day event needs bands, rappers, comedians, singers, dancers and performing groups to be featured attractions on its three stages. Also needed are strolling clowns,

jugglers, balloon sculptors, and street performers to greet and mingle with the crowd.

Garage bands take special note: A "Come Out of Your Garage Band" contest will be a special feature of Youth Expo and will headline the Best of San Francisco's Garage Bands. Groups wanting to perform in this program are invited to submit a three to five minute tape to: Youth Expo 88, Entertainment Director, 255 Channel St., San Francisco, CA 94107.

If you have any questions regarding the Expo, call 557-8758.

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completion. Five bungalows are available for renovation and use as classrooms; two are completed, but funding is still being sought for the other three.

The California Conservation Corp will construct a playground which should be ready by mid-September.

Funding for this first phase came from the Mayor's Office

of Community Development.

"We know there are lots of kids out there who want to come to our school," says Weidenhofer, "we'll enroll them just as fast as we can find funding to prepare the rooms, but it's sad for the kids who don't have a school like this to go to, they just kind of disappear - no one knows what happens to them."

FIRST ANNUAL FALL FLEA MARKET FAIR

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Spaces will be assigned by Anne Kaartunen, fair co-ordinator when applications and required fee are received. Checks should be made out to: VVCC, with note "Flea Market Fair."

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For information call or leave message 239-1069; deadline for application and fee is Friday, Sept. 2, 6p.m. Return the form and fee to: VVCC 50 Raymond Ave., S.F., Ca., 94134; Attention: Flea Market Coordinator.

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Speaking of Health



Crack and Pregnancy

By Jacqueline Wasserman, RN,FNP

Everyday we read in the newspapers and hear on the news that the use of crack (cocaine) is increasing. More and more women who are pregnant are turning up in the hospital high on crack and in early labor.

A recent story told of a woman in Oakland, who delivered twins on her bathroom floor while stoned on crack - one baby a stillborn and the other barely alive. Since then, an investigation is occurring to see if charges can be pressed to indict her for manslaughter.

Using cocaine, even just once, can cause seizures, irregular heartbeat leading to cardiac arrest and death, high blood pressure leading to stroke as well as symptoms of abdominal pain, chest pain, and menstrual irregularities.

In pregnancy crack may cause spontaneous miscarriage, premature labor and delivery, growth retardation and possible birth defects. It is found that newborns whose mothers use crack have an increased risk of being born with drug withdrawal symptoms, including tremors, irritability and visual problems. These symptoms may last months and possibly longer.

If you're using crack and want help, or if someone you love needs help, try one of the following numbers:

COKENDERS (treatment - a fee is necessary) 652-1772.

Community Substance Abuse Service (information and referral) 558-2356.

Drug Hotline (24 hours) 221-1423.

National Cocaine Hotline (toll free) 800-262-2463.

Nutritious Nibbles

Snacking is thought of as an indulging in forbidden foods. The most common image of snacking is a child sneaking into the cookie jar when no one is looking. But snacking does not have to be something shameful.

The trick to snacking is selecting foods that are not simply pleasurable but nourishing too.

When you have the munchies choose a snack that can contribute to your body's need for protein, vitamins, minerals and fiber.

Avoid fabricated, frivolous items like sodas, chips, candy, cookies that are high in fat, salt, sugar and empty calories.

To help you deal with the snacking habit, the American Heart Association has "Nutritious Nibbles: A Guide to Healthy Snacking." This pamphlet presents nutritious, tasty recipes and suggests ideas for selecting a healthy snack or non-food alternative. For example, as a calorie-free break try working on a favorite hobby, catching up on your correspondence or taking a brisk walk.

For a free copy of "Nutritious Nibbles," send a 25 cent stamped, self-addressed legal-sized envelope to: American Heart Association, San Francisco Chapter, 120 Montgomery St., Suite 1650, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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CENTERVOICE

By Julia Kavanagh

CENTER DOINGS:

Childcare/Preschool graduation will be Saturday, Aug. 27, in the VVCC gym at 11 a.m. Come help give the children a bon voyage, and good wishes for success in their school years ahead.

Labor Day, Sept. 5, Giant Flea Market. The street in front of the center will be closed, and we will have a combination of new and used merchandise. Booths are available at a cost of \$30 for business and \$10 for individuals and non-profit organizations. Snacks will be served out of our kitchen, located off the gymnasium at 66 Raymond Ave. All merchandise displayed in the play yard at the center will be sold to benefit VVCC programs and services. Don't miss the biggest little yard sale in town.

VVCC Annual Day at the Races is Saturday, Sept 17, 1988. There are a limited number of tickets left at \$25 each. The price includes a train ride to and from Bay Meadows Racetrack, an all you can eat buffet luncheon, reserved seats, complimentary program, tons of fun, and lots of good memories. Free betting lessons, if needed! We always have a ball at this one, so do plan to join us. Those who have been before have already made their reservations.

COMING SOON:

New clubs starting, especially for young people,

are a Photography Club; The GRAPEVINE Newspaper Club; Junior Toastmasters (public speaking); and Navy League. Call 467-6400 and leave your name and number to sign up.

Up and running, but there's still room at Theatre Works Intergenerational Program for all ages, new production starting soon; Junior Alive Neighborhood Pride Club; and Anne Kaartunen's Mural Club. Call 467-6400, leave your name and number.

Belly dancing for all ages has quite a lot of sign ups. The first class is Aug 2. It will meet every Tuesday from 6 - 7 p.m. Call 467-6400 to sign up. Cost is \$3 per lesson, and is on a drop-in basis.

PERSONAL:

You know, a while ago, I wrote a letter in this paper to the graffiti artists of the Valley. Last night, I observed a meeting between some of the artists and the owners of the property they "decorated."

I was impressed by the attitudes of both sides. More importantly, I was impressed by the solution offered by Anne Kaartunen, of having the artists paint their own special reserved wall (and be responsible for its preservation). This is a lady who puts her money where her mouth is! Good for you Anne! I was also impressed by the attitudes of all the participants, artists and parents and merchants, but especially by the words of Fawzi Kaddoura.

He told the youth: "You have homes and your families, but this neighborhood is your larger family, you owe it to yourselves to have pride in your family and your neighborhood, and to protect it."

I hope that the artists were as impressed as I was.

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Editorial

A chance to save our
mountain

Don't wait until it's too late to decide what kind of a world you want to leave to your children.

Even with the intense urbanization of the San Francisco/San Mateo peninsula, we are fortunate to have significant open spaces available to us for preservation of endangered species, recreation and environmental study.

San Bruno Mountain is one of those unique places. Sometimes called, "island in time," San Bruno Mountain offers a final glimpse of the land as it was before the arrival of the Europeans; it is the last refuge of eco-systems that flourished for thousands of years in and around what is now San Francisco," (from an essay published by Bay Area Mountain Watch, an environmental organization dedicated to the preservation of precious open spaces.)

We must decide whether it is more important to preserve natural open space or to build houses and shopping malls. We are at a critical moment in history - it is up to us to take a stand about preservation of the wild lands we have left.

Once the bulldozers rip and tear at the homes of the wild creatures and destroy the indigenous vegetation, there is no turning back.

If San Bruno Mountain becomes a Nob Hill, there is no way to return it to nature. The deed is done for all time.

So what do you want to leave to your children, your children's children, and their children? Do you want them to be able to run and play, discover and learn in a natural, sweet-smelling grassy wilderness within reach by public transportation? Or do you want them to read about what used to be in history books. It's your choice right now.

Proposition 70 was passed by the electorate in June 1988. That legislation is now called CalPAW and provides funds for the State of California to purchase open space from a "willing" seller.

The future of CalPAW and how the allocations will be used is still murky. However, if you care about San Bruno Mountain and want to see it preserved as it is now, we encourage you to send letters asking for the State purchase of privately owned land on San Bruno Mountain.

The tricky clause in the CalPAW legislation is "purchase from a willing seller."

The owner of Paradise Valley, W. W. Dean, and Southwest Diversified, the owner of the Northeast Ridge of San Bruno Mountain might not now be "willing sellers." The question is - can they be persuaded to become "willing sellers" because of the pressure applied by the people who live in the area or conditions which make the pursuit of development on San Bruno Mountain a lose/lose situation.

Do we really want San Bruno Mountain disfigured by buildings? Is it a mystical place which deserves to be left alone for future generation to explore and enjoy?

We say, "Yes." If you agree with us, write and tell them about the times as kids you explored the caves; climbed the trees; watched the sunrise or set from its peaks; or planned your future, worked out a personal problem or simply worshiped the creative force that gave us such beauty - but let your legislators, commissioners and the developers know how you feel about San Bruno Mountain. Give the gift of open space to you grandkids and their kids.

Dear Editor:

Members of Teamsters Local 278 have delivered furniture for Macy's for over 30 years working for contract carriers hired by Macy's and paying fair wages and benefits. Macy's has recently cancelled its contract for furniture delivery with a fair carrier and has contracted with Merchants Home Delivery Service, Inc., an unfair carrier for these services. This will result in Local 278 members losing their jobs and benefits.

Macy's claims that it has to cancel its delivery contract "Because the (fair) carrier charges too much," yet the bulk of the delivery charges are paid by the customer and not Macy's! We think not and thus ask for you help.

Don't shop Macy's - insist that it uses fair contract carriers to service furniture.

Sincerely,
Alex Villanueva

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Guest Editorial

A strategy for our future

By Supervisor Bill Maher

Editor's note: This is the community's corner of the GRAPEVINE. We encourage and welcome any editorials from community members who wish to address, support or object to matters impacting the quality of our lives in the valley. You don't have to be a politician to use this space. Working moms, students and all members of the valley community can lay claim to this space.

Political instability is preventing the creation of a new consensus in San Francisco which could foster the development of a coherent economic strategy.

San Francisco's civic and business leaders created a new vision of economic development for the city. That vision capitalized on the availability of cheap land in nearby suburbs to provide housing and the expansion of BART capacity to provide transportation to and from work.

At the time, the compact downtown core seemed capable of providing a near limitless expansion of financial and service industries as we became the banking capital of the West.

The headquarter city plan was a good one in its day, but all things change with time, and most of the basic forecasting assumptions that were used then are no longer valid. Land in the suburbs is no longer inexpensive, traffic lanes are filled to capacity, and the empty BART seat is a thing of the past.

The last 30 years of development have seen a transition in our economy from a blue-collar, industrial base to one of banking, finance, service and tourism. This transition, coupled with major demographic changes, has changed the relative political stability that prevailed since the 40s.

A number of factors have contributed to the deterioration of what was

once a shared political vision for our future.

San Francisco has clearly begun to develop a void in leadership.

Local neighborhood groups have been a lightning rod for San Francisco's growth fights as a response to the impact that office development has had on housing costs, parking and increased density.

The result has been a general, negative public perception of continued growth. Further, attempts to relieve housing pressures have brought about continual struggles between preservationists and those who wish to increase supply through demolition and increased density.

These fights are a losing game. The result has been slowed economic growth, little new housing and plenty of new opposition. San Francisco voters are determined to preserve their neighborhoods. If we define neighborhood preservation and economic growth as mutually exclusive, San Franciscans will opt for preservation even at the cost of economic stagnation. This equation must be redefined if we are to prosper as a community.



Supervisor Bill Maher

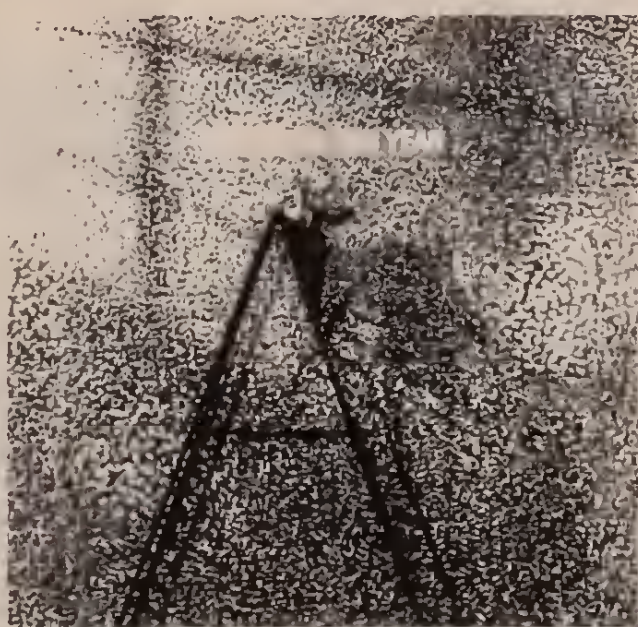
As long as voters perceive that growth has a negative impact on their neighborhoods, they will continue to vote against it.

To reconcile our critical need for new housing with neighborhood preservation, we must refocus the debate and get away from our demolitions and denser construction in established neighborhoods and consider alternative solutions.

As long as neighborhoods perceive that their survival depends on a no growth strategy, they will oppose all growth and we will remain politically and economically unstable. A more viable alternative is to develop new residential areas and mixed use projects such as Rincon Hill, South Beach and Mission Bay.

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What a difference a kid makes

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supervision.

All the participants in the hearing felt that the positive step (at least a start) had been taken in addressing the problem.

Other problems surfaced during the conversation, the merchant's problem with shop-lifting and the lack of police response. Would the Community Boards facilitate a hearing between the Merchants and Police Department?

Other notes

Congratulations to Ms. Helen Macon, President of the Sunnydale Housing Project, for her recent appointment to the S.F. Housing Authority Commission. Watch for a special interview of Macon in the September issue of this paper.

Also, Happy Birthday to the GRAPEVINE. We hope you continue your growth and expand your contents for many years to come.

Welcome to Ms. F. Peagler, the new principal at Visitacion Valley Middle School. We wish her success and offer our community support.

Coming event; It's a new fair, for the unwanted clutter that we all have somewhere in our closets or basements. Come and sell or buy items at our first Annual Fall Flea Market Fair. (see application printed in this paper.)

Raymond Avenue will be closed to traffic on the Center's block, and spaces will be available to set up your wares. The fee benefits VVCC programs. Cash in your pocket and room in your closet. A great way to start off the new school year.



Conflicts can be resolved to everyone's satisfaction

Community Boards, an overview

Community Boards is a neighborhood-based conflict resolution program which trains community members in conciliation, case development, outreach and related skills.

With staff support, trained volunteers offer their skills in a free, informal and easy to use forum for the resolution of a wide variety of disputes and problems.

Hundreds of San Francisco residents now resolve conflicts through voluntary agreements reached at Community Board panel hearings. Conflicts handled by the program include: harassment, vandalism, noise, money disputes, property damage, landlord-tenant concerns, threats, family disputes, fights and organizational conflicts.

Community Boards conciliation model is adaptable to many sorts of disputes and volunteers are readily trained. In addition to conflict resolution,

Community Boards has a strong neighborhood-building aspect to it, and responds to people's interest in performing significant civic work in their neighborhoods.

Currently, more than 350 people of different races and lifestyles, aged 14 to 70 years, are active in Community Boards of San Francisco. Increasingly, their responsibilities include training, planning and evaluation, as they seek to build self-sufficient forums, drawing primarily on the neighborhood's human resources.

A treasure in our backyard



By Pat Christensen

Laying in the summer sun like a giant beached whale, its hide pierced by harpoons and its sides dotted by parastic barnacles, San Bruno Mountain bisects the peninsula just south of San Francisco. The harpoons which pierce its hide are radio transmitters; the barnacles are houses.

To those of us in the western part of San Francisco, San Bruno Mountain marks the line between "The Peninsula" and "The City." To those of us who have explored its canyons, plateaus and thrilled to its views, it is a treasure.

"San Bruno Mountain is the last remaining sample of what our whole peninsula looked like," says Lorraine Burtzloff, one of the growing number of people who spend countless hours in commission chambers and on street corners trying to save San Bruno Mountain from commercial development.

Four primary areas are endangered by development: Paradise Valley, adjacent to the San Mateo County Park, is on the south slope. Awastes Indians lived in Paradise Valley for thousands of years, and they left a legacy of one of the largest

middens (shell mounds) in the Bay Area.

The northeast ridge which separates the southeast corner of San Francisco (Visitacion Valley) from Brisbane provides habitat for the endangered Mission Blue butterfly and rare grasslands. The ridge also acts as a buffer to protect other native flora and fauna.

The third endangered area is the farmlands in Colma - Italian herb and vegetable farms. Only recently the last farm land in San Francisco was sold for housing; the Colma farmlands remind us of a simpler, quieter time, and give our children a window to the past.

Another favorite area, the fourth such endangered acreage, is the two canyons which crease the northern slope: Owl Canyon and Buckeye Canyon.

All four areas are privately owned and in line for development.

David Schooley, founder of Bay Area Mountain Watch, an environmental watch dog group, conducts hikes on San Bruno Mountain for school children and adults to introduce them to the wonders of the rare and endangered vegetation and animals which live there.

"I recently took three separate groups of kindergarten children on hikes arranged by their teacher," recalls Schooley. "We divided the class so that we had no more than ten children on each hike. That way each child received more attention and we could quietly approach the wildlife."

The children held caterpillars of the endangered San Bruno Elfin butterfly and one early morning group saw a fox.

"Moving through the scrub and grasslands, getting the feel of the wildness of the place really excited the kids and they became very interested and caring," says Schooley.

Schooley conducts hikes on San Bruno Mountain

every Saturday "for anyone who wants to come along," and by special arrangement for youth groups and school children during the week.

The long six hour hike begins at the highest elevation near the radio transmitters. The walk meanders along the saddle enjoying the 360 degree views of ocean, bay, cities and the other major peaks in the area, Tamalpais and Diablo. You feel as though you can see forever.

Schooley talks about the animals, plants and Indians and how the San Francisco peninsula looked to the first explorers.

Near the eastern tip of the mountain before it descends to Highway 101, hikers wend their way carefully down into Buckeye Canyon to explore the hidden beauty and mystery of San Bruno. There's a secret shrine where mysterious visitors leave small treasures in a tiny cathedral in the trees; a stream provides a path through a fragrant buckeye forest; respite is offered at an ancient midden left centuries ago by the Indians who must have believed their land was paradise.

Hikers used to stop by and pass the time of day with a friendly hermit who lived in Buckeye Canyon for many years until the authorities decided to toss him and his makeshift home off the mountain.

Should we lose the natural wildness of San Bruno Mountain we will also lose the last remaining vestiges of many plants and some animals. The Mission Blue and San Bruno Elfin butterflies, the San Francisco Garter Snake are

rare and endangered animal species; the Dune Tansy, San Francisco Campion, Toto Manzanita, San Francisco Owl's Clover and Coast Rock Cress along with several other species of plants may vanish from the face of the earth.

At one time the saddle of San Bruno was the dream site of a new city which developers were panting to build, but the State of California purchased the land to save it for generations to come. Now we have another opportunity to save the remaining 1834 acres of this 4100 acre mountain.

In the June 1988 election, California voters approved Proposition 70, a bond issue now called CalPAW which gives State Park Commissioners the funds to buy up properties in California for preservation. Many organizations are working hard to see that San Bruno Mountain is one of those areas.

Take a ride over Gaudelupe Canyon Parkway, stop at the county park at the top of the road and do a little exploring.

Better yet, learn more about San Bruno Mountain and take a hike with one of the following groups:

Bay Area Mountain Watch, David Schooley, 467-6631
California Native Plant Society, 775-1812.

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Maher strategy

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Construction of new mid-rise residential areas will reduce the pressure to demolish existing housing stock and build out-of-scale units in older neighborhoods. Building offers a better alternative to our housing needs than accelerated neighborhood demolition.

With proper mass transit and proximity to downtown, these areas will rapidly become major assets in their own right, in addition to relieving the pressure on our existing housing stock.

Minority communities have grown and become more diverse both in ethnicity and interest. Though they are diverse in interest, they share the feeling that they are not major participants in San Francisco's economic and political life. Any new consensus must guarantee significant minority economic, as well as political, participation.

One of the primary reasons for the expanding 'no growth' sentiment in Bayview/Hunters Point is the perception that those residents have not and will not be included in the benefits of economic growth. The Third Street corridor must be accessed by light rail to

incorporate the southeastern part of the city into our transit grid.

This extension will encourage economic growth in the Bayview/Hunters Point area and provide access to growth and jobs in other parts of the city. Extension of the metro must be a high priority.

Minority businesses are a vibrant and growing part of our economy, and should be recognized as essential partners in any new agenda for development.

We must consciously work to contract, through government and private industry, with our small and minority owned businesses. We must take pains to structure our contracts in ways that maximize small and minority business ability to compete. In addition, we need to encourage consortiums of smaller businesses to bid collectively on larger projects and increase their capabilities.

Incorporation of minority businesses into our economic life and growth will ensure their active participation in our future.

New and shared concepts of where and how we grow are vital to our future success. Small businesses have demonstrated an ability to respond to basic concerns of both the neighborhoods and

downtown.

Our city - from the Chamber of Commerce to the GRAPEVINE, to City Hall - has begun to realize that small businesses are a major asset and are actively exploring policies that help to facilitate their expansion.

By achieving a community-wide consensus, our small businesses have avoided falling into the them-versus-us divisions that are the curse of our current politics. Their success has provided us with clear proof that a consensus can be achieved.

Lastly, an agreement must be reached on what kind of growth is best for San Francisco. Until recently, construction has been principally first class, prestige,

high-rise office space. The unfortunate side effects of this narrowly focused growth plan have caused many of our current difficulties.

Unemployment in San Francisco among high-cost, high-skill workers is minimal. Therefore, a new high-cost office building must import a large majority of its workforce from outside the city. This adds to congestion and does little to provide jobs where they are most necessary. The construction of a hundred more office buildings would do relatively little for our unemployed, most of whom have relatively low language or educational skills.

We have created a strange system whereby we import more and more commuters over already clogged roads and bridges while we export existing San Franciscan's jobs to the suburbs. To continue in this fashion would be foolhardy as both the market and the public have clearly indicated.

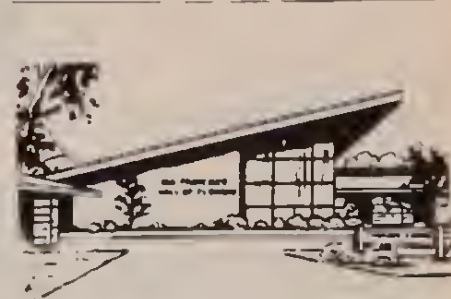
Any new office space built should be research and development and back-office space. Construction of this type, with its lower height, lower cost, large floor plate design similar to, and competitive with, those built in

the suburbs in recent years will allow us to retain jobs for San Franciscans.

This will also act to stabilize high-rise rents over time by offering lower cost alternative worksites with in the city and slow the flight of large numbers of lower skill jobs to the suburbs.

It is now time to develop a cohesive plan for our future which will encompass the diverse interests of our city. It is time to soften our hard posture and work toward a consensus.

To do so, an open exchange of ideas must be established, and it is my hope that the ideas presented here will contribute to that dialogue.



Fair mixes art with flowers

"Floral extravaganza" is the theme of the 1988 San Francisco Arts Commission's Arts Festival and the San Francisco County Fair Flower Show as these two historic events join together Aug. 26-28, at the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park.

"Arts and Flowers," said Commission Director Isaacs, "I can't think of a more inspirational aesthetic combination. We look forward to the response the Arts Festival competition will get from professional artists residing in the nine Bay Area Counties."

A Gala Benefit Preview is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday evening, Aug. 25 is \$7.50. General admission is \$3, seniors \$2. Children under twelve are admitted free.

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Start gardening

Are you one of those people who's looking for a place to grow vegetables, fruits and flowers in the city, but you don't have a backyard? Don't despair. The San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners - SLUG - will help you find that earth-filled crack in the concrete, be it a vacant lot, a neighbor's backyard, city property or a rooftop.

If you just ask, SLUG will guide you and your neighbors through the steps to create an urban garden. SLUG is based in San Francisco, and is part of the Community Food Resource Center network of groups at 2540 Newhall St.

SLUG will be developing a demonstration garden on the north side of our building. If you want to learn how-to-do-it

before you launch out on your own, this could be your community service for SHARE.

SLUG will work with you to: (1) find some other people who'd like to garden too. (2) do a little detective work to turn up one of the 7,000 vacant lots in the city, a piece of vacant or underutilized city land, or a suitable rooftop. (3) negotiate a lease or better yet, a donation of land for community use. (4) remove the trash, develop the site and begin gardening.

SLUG's resources include staff help at each step, money for fencing, compost, water systems, etc., expertise (with help of Trust for Public Land) to negotiate with landowners, insurance for the new site, and gardening advice.

They can even help; with free seeds, and loaned or rented tools.

Call SLUG for more information at 468-0110.

How Do Your Gardens Grow?



By Hyoka Belis

OK, who stole the grapevines? And I do not mean this newspaper. During my vacation, two grapevine plants in the Senior Park were stolen. This is a shame, because the missing vines were planted last year at this time, in honor of the GRAPEVINE'S (newspaper) first birthday.

I am sorry, our plants won't be around this year. I was looking forward to seeing them grow and produce.

One of the vines had some fruit on it, the other one was growing very nicely. There was even talk of arboring them in the garden. I know this well because they were the last thing I worked on before my vacation. I weeded the area and watered real well. Maybe I should of left the weeds as camouflage, who knows.

This is not the first time plants have been stolen, or weeded out in the Community and Senior Park. Each time I find a plant gone, it hurts. And this time was no different. First I think I am wrong or just misplaced it, but to no avail I look around, knowing full well that the plant is gone.

I ask myself why bother planting at all when some one comes along and rips them out of the ground. I am always frustrated and amazed why a person would do such a thing.

I am not only mad at the person who stole the grapevines for stealing them, but also that they did not even do it at the right time of year. This does not give the plants a very fair chance for survival in transplanting. The odds are against them. This really gets my goat, knowing that

two strong healthy plants, are not struggling for life, if they are that lucky, or are most likely dead.

PLANT DIRECTLY:

beets, carrots, corn, garlic sets, onion sets, parsnips, peas (bush and pole), radishes, swiss chard, turnips.

Flowers: columbine, hollyhock, foxglove, canterbury bells, snapdragon, cineraria, stocks, pansies, violas, calendula, cornflower, nasturtiums, sweet alyssum, sweet peas.

TRANSPLANT:

Vegetables: chard, collard, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard, New Zealand spinach, radicchio, spinach.

START IN FLATS:

Vegetables: bok choy, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, chard, collard, herb perennial kale, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, mustard, onions, radicchio, rutabagas, spinach.

Flowers: calendulas, english daisy, delphinium, forget-me-nots, statice, ranunculus, sweet peas, lobelia larkspur, linaria, nemesia, pansies, snapdragons, stock, violas.

Save seeds from the vegetables and flowers that you like and that have done well.

PROPAGATE: lilacs, oleander snowball, jasminum privet, laure, fuchsias cuttings, carnation in sand.

Roses might need a modest cutting back at this time.

DIVIDED: iris. Do not prune camellias in the fall.

Until next time, happy gardening, and happy second Birthday, GRAPEVINE.



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center. Artisans with a flair for crafts, clerical helpers, bakers or any interested person is welcomed to call Dr. Rose Resnick at 441-1980 for additional information.

In addition to the boutiques, banquets and dances coordinated by the auxiliary, the group meets the third Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. in the center. Proceeds from all the auxiliary's events allow the center to continue providing the services that are so vital to the blind and physically handicapped community.

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Calendar

Aug. 7 -10 at 7 p.m. each evening. **Revival** at Valley Baptist Church, 305 Raymond Ave. Special speaker, Greg Sumii, Director of Mission Ministry of California. Special Music led by Rev. Dave Hanna, pastor of First Baptist, Belmont, Ca. All are welcome, refreshments and fellowship after each service.

Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. the
Visitacion Valley Merchants
Association meets at the
Community Center.

Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. Little Hollywood Improvement Association meets at the Korean Presbyterian Church, 120 Lathrop Ave.

Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m.
Improvement Association
meets at V.V.C.C.

WHAT'S DOING IN THE PARKS

Sign up now for girls basketball league in two classes: juniors, 14 years and under, entries due no later than Aug. 11.

Interested girls should sign up at their local playground or recreation center.

Trophies will be awarded to first and second place finishers in each class.

For more information, please call Linda Woo of the athletic division at 558-4055.

Recreation

Friends of Recreation and Park Day, a free playday for children 3 - 12 years of age, will be held Friday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.. Location for the event is Childrens Playground and Sharon Meadow in the eastern end of Golden Gate Park.

The fun-filled day features performances by Make A Circus, Dragon Fly Puppet Theatre, Walden Marionettes, Entertaining Magic by Bob Caldwell and Company, and Clowns by Hemie. Activities include the Art Truck, Games by Driving Under the Influence Project, and free carousel rides. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information about the playday, contact event coordinator, Nancy Rose at 558-3132.

Tuesday, Aug. 2, 3-4:30 p.m.
Children's Baseball &
Softball, 6 -12 years, Crocker
Amazon Playground, Geneva
Avenue & Moscow Streets.

Wednesday, Aug. 3, 10:30 -
11:30 a.m. Ting Tot Storytime,
2 1/2 - 5 years, Herz
Playground, Visitation
Avenue & Hahn Streets.

Randall Museum takes kids to camp

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Mather Youth Camp will be offered to boys and girls aged 10 to 12 for two one-week sessions in August. The program which is directed by the Randall Museum will be presented at the Mather Family Camp located in the High Sierra near Yosemite National Park.

Each group of 20 children will explore the area with camp naturalists, take field trips to areas of interest in Yosemite and sleep in tents, with showers available. Meals will be served at the Camp Mather dining hall.

The fee each five day camp session is \$150, which includes food, lodging, transportation and activities. The first session is from Aug. 8 - 12, and the second from Aug. 22 - 26. For further information and registration materials call the Randall Museum at 863-1399.

Music

Damn Yankees, the classical musical about the great American game of baseball, will be celebrated in grandstand style by the Young People's Musical Theatre Company. Performances will take place Aug. 5, Aug. 6, Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. and on Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way off Roosevelt Way. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

Damn Yankees tells the story of a real estate salesman who sold his soul to the devil to help his hometown team, the Washington Senators, beat the "Damn Yankees." The devil transforms him into a

young and unbeatable ballplayer named Joe Hardy. A beautiful 'witch' named Lola tempts Joe to stay on the side of the devil. How Joe beats the devil at his own game and helps the Washington Senators win the pennant makes for a evening of mirth, merriment and musical delight. The audience will have fun reacquainting themselves with songs like "You Gotta Have Heart" and "Whatever Lola Wants Lola Gets."

For more information, call the Drama & Dance Division at 558-3601 or the Randall Museum at 863-1399. Advance tickets may be obtained by sending a stamped-self addressed envelope to "Damn Yankees," 50 Scott St., San Francisco, CA 94117. Checks should be made out to Drama and Dance Advisory Committee. McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park.

Pacific States Craft Fair Opens

The 13th annual Pacific States Craft Fair which features the distinctive work of 300 American artists returns to Fort Mason Center in San Francisco from Aug. 12-14.

The Pacific States Craft Fair is open to the public Friday, Aug. 12 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 13 from 11 to 6; and Sunday, Aug. 14 from 11 to 5. Admission to the fair is

\$5 for adults, with children under 12 admitted free.

Catered food will be available for sale each day at the fair.

Parking will be free at Crissy Field and shuttle buses will take patrons to the fair site at Fort Mason Center, Piers 2 and 3, Bay and Laguna, San Francisco.

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George attended Visitacion Valley Elementary School, Luther Burbank and John O'Connell High School where he studied office machine repair.

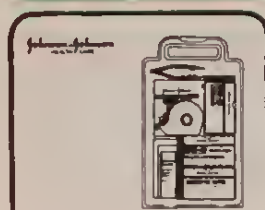
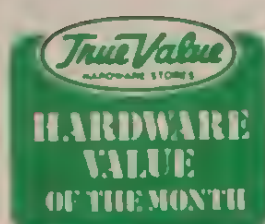
His ambitions could not be satisfied by this limited education, so Mikkelsen went on to City College where he received an A. S. degree in Mechanical Technology. He went to work for Lawrence Labs in East Bay.

Still not satisfied with his prospects, he entered the real estate arena as front man for a land sale firm which proved to be a bit shaky.

The experience whetted his appetite for real estate, and he locked himself in his apartment and studied hard and achieved his Real Estate License.

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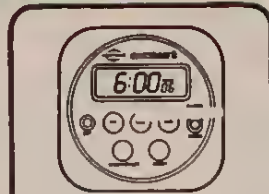
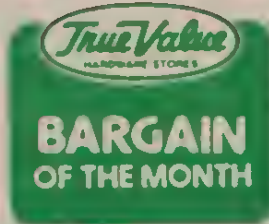
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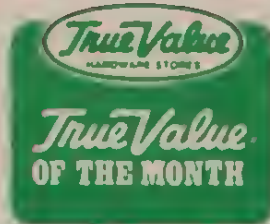
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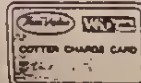
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